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HAVE HIT THE LADDER! MARK  
WILL FALL RIGHT BACK INTO  
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WEIRD BLUE LIGHTS GLOWED, AND STRANGE, MECHANICAL NOISES FLOATED DOWN FROM THE SHADOWY HOUSE ON THE HILL, CHILLING THE BLOOD OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE BELOW! WHO WAS THE UNFRIENDLY STRANGER WHO OCCUPIED THAT WEIRD BUILDING? WHAT WAS BEHIND THE SINISTER ACTIONS OF...

# the MAN on DISASTER HILL

## BAROOM!

GOOD GRIEF! STRANGE SPHERES FLOATING DOWN FROM THE HOUSE ON THE HILL! WHAT ARE THEY?

THERE'S YOUR ANSWER, BENTON... THEY'RE BOMBS! AND THAT MAN IN THE HOUSE YOU WERE DEFENDING IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM!

Richard  
Marek

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CARL BENTON WAS BACK IN HIS HOME TOWN, AFTER A LONG ABSENCE-- BUT NOW, THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE AND SINISTER ABOUT THOSE FAMILIAR OLD STREETS...

YOU COULD HAVE PICKED A BETTER TIME TO RETURN, CARL-- LIKE WHEN THIS MESS WITH PROFESSOR NORDOCK WAS OVER!

WHAT MESS? WHO'S NORDOCK?



IN SILENT ANSWER, THE DRIVER DETOURED ALONG THE RIVER FRONT...



THAT'S HIS PLACE, UP ON THE HILL... HE MOVED IN ABOUT A MONTH AGO, WITH ALL HIS STRANGE EQUIPMENT! SINCE THEN, THERE'VE BEEN WEIRD LIGHTS AND NOISES COMING FROM THERE-- BUT NEVER A FRIENDLY WORD FROM HIM!

CAN'T BLAME A MAN FOR WANTING HIS PRIVACY, PETE, AND FLUORESCENT LIGHTS ARE STILL LEGAL... HA, HA, HA!

BUT SHORTLY AFTER, NEAR THAT SAME SPOT ON THE HIGHWAY...



JUMPING CATFISH! THAT BILLBOARD JUST TOOK RIGHT OFF! AND IT'S GOING STRAIGHT UP TOWARD THAT PROFESSOR'S PLACE! WAIT TILL FOLKS HEAR ABOUT THIS!

WHILE WORD OF THE WEIRD EVENT WHIPPED THROUGH TOWN, CARL WAS REMINISCING WITH AN OLD FRIEND...



... AND THE NEXT DAY, WHEN YOU HID A ROTTEN EGG IN MY LOCKER, YOU-- SAY!... WHAT'S WRONG OUT THERE, DAN?

DON'T KNOW... BUT I AIM TO FIND OUT!

OUTSIDE, THE CROWD QUICKLY MADE ITS ANGER CLEAR...



NOW WAIT-- YOU JUST CAN'T RUSH UP THERE AND TELL NORDOCK TO PACK HIS BAGS!

DAN'S RIGHT... BESIDES, YOU ALL KNOW THERE ARE STRONG UPDRAFTS OVER THAT RIVER HIGHWAY AREA! ONE OF THOSE WINDS COULD HAVE PICKED UP THAT BILLBOARD!



BUT JUST THEN...



A MOMENT LATER, AS THE FLYING SHACK DISAPPEARED BEYOND A RIDGE...



THE STRANGE PROCESSION OF SPHERES FLOATED OVER THE TOWN, THEN SILENTLY BEGAN CIRCLING BACK, WHEN...





WITHIN MINUTES, EVERY AVAILABLE FIREARM WAS BROUGHT INTO PLAY...

WE'RE DOING IT, DAN! ANOTHER MOMENT AND WE'LL HAVE GOT THEM ALL!

BAROOM!

BAROOM!

BAROOM!

BUT AS DAN'S LAST SHOT STRUCK A GLANCING BLOW ON A NEARBY SPHERE...

IT WASN'T A DIRECT HIT! ALL I DID WAS KNOCK THAT ONE OFF ITS PATH! IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR US, AND I'M OUT OF AMMUNITION! GET IT, CARL!

I'LL TRY... THE THING IS TAKING A CRAZY PATH, THOUGH!

AT THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT, CARL PITCHED HIS RIFLE STRAIGHT TOWARD THE ONRUSHING SPHERE!...

KAWOON

CAN'T HIT IT! ITS COURSE IS TOO ERRATIC! AND I'M OUT OF AMMO NOW! ONLY ONE CHANCE... HIT THE DIRT, DAN!

CRACK! CRACK! CRACK!

NICE THROW, CARL! WE WERE NEAR-GONERS!



FOLLOWING THE BATTLE OF THE SPHERES, THERE WAS NO RESTRAINING THE ANGRY MEN...

WE'VE HAD ENOUGH TALKIN'... NOW WE'RE GONNA HAVE SOME DOIN'! LET'S RUN THAT PROFESSOR RIGHT OFF THE LAND!

WE CAN'T STOP THEM, CARL! ALL WE CAN DO IS GO ALONG AND TRY TO KEEP THE PEACE!



AS THE CROWD APPROACHED THE HOUSE ON THE HILL, AT SUNDOWN, GREAT LIGHTS SUDDENLY PIERCED THE GLOOM...

TURN OFF THOSE SPOTLIGHTS AND COME DOWN HERE, NORDOCK--OR WE'LL COME UP AND GET YOU!

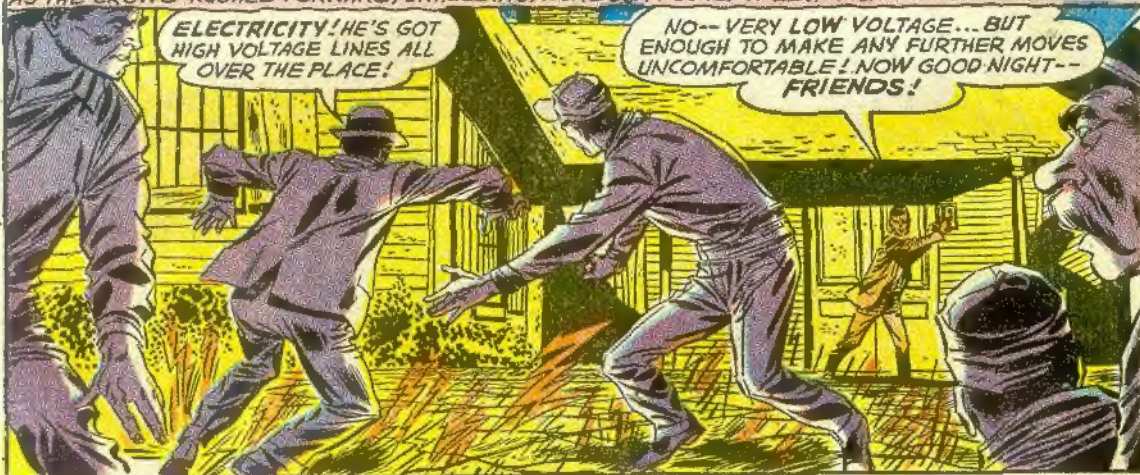
OFF MY PROPERTY, ALL OF YOU! I'VE DONE NOTHING TO ANY OF YOU! I WARN YOU NOW... TAKE ONE MORE STEP AND I'LL BE FORCED TO ACT!



AS THE CROWD RUSHED FORWARD, UNHEEDING, NORDOCK PUSHED A LEVER ON THE WALL, AND...

ELECTRICITY! HE'S GOT HIGH VOLTAGE LINES ALL OVER THE PLACE!

NO-- VERY LOW VOLTAGE... BUT ENOUGH TO MAKE ANY FURTHER MOVES UNCOMFORTABLE! NOW GOOD-NIGHT-- FRIENDS!



QUICKLY, THE CROWD RETREATED AND REGROUPED...

I SAY, RUSH THE PLACE! ONCE PAST THOSE WIRES, WE CAN GRAB HIM AND TURN OFF THE POWER! LET'S GO!

HOLD IT, JIM! I'M NOT MUCH HAPPIER WITH PROFESSOR NORDOCK THAN YOU ARE-- BUT THE LAW HAS TO TAKE ITS COURSE!



TOMORROW MORNING, I'LL RIDE INTO THE COUNTY SEAT AND GET OUT A SEARCH WARRANT AGAINST NORDOCK! MEANWHILE, LET'S CLEAR OUT OF HERE INSTEAD OF BREAKING THE LAW OURSELVES!

WELL--UH-- OKAY, SHERIFF... BUT SEE THAT YOU DO IT--OR ELSE!

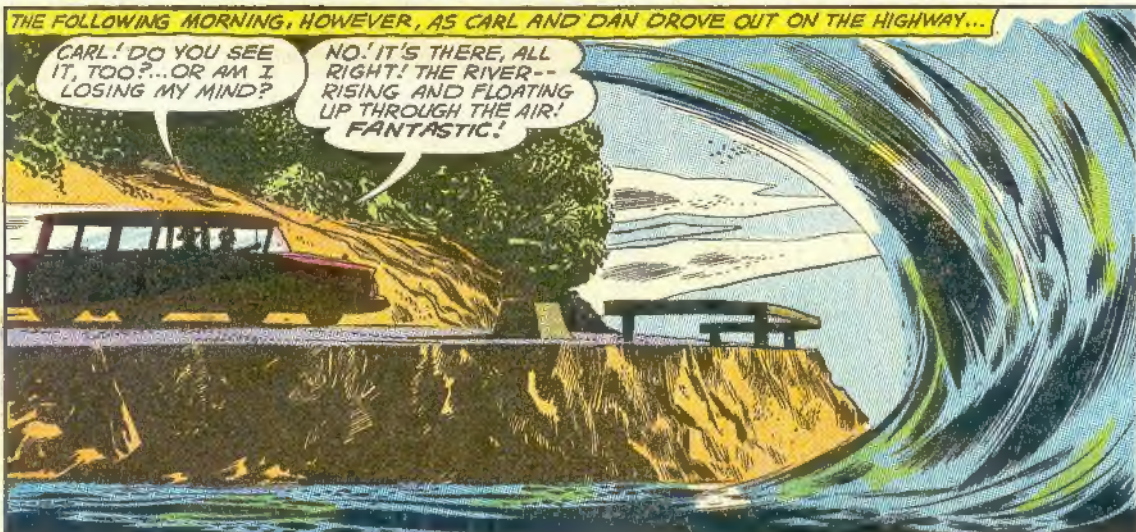




THE FOLLOWING MORNING, HOWEVER, AS CARL AND DAN DROVE OUT ON THE HIGHWAY...

CARL: DO YOU SEE IT, TOO?...OR AM I LOSING MY MIND?

NO! IT'S THERE, ALL RIGHT! THE RIVER-- RISING AND FLOATING UP THROUGH THE AIR! FANTASTIC!



IT'S POURING INTO THAT GULLY, WHICH LEADS STRAIGHT OUT TO COMBES' CORNERS! ALL THE RESIDENTS WILL BE WASHED OUT... GOT TO WARN THEM!



WITH THE AUTOMATIC RESPONSES OF A WELL-TRAINED ATHLETE, CARL DESCENDED THE COPTER LADDER AND...

CAREFUL WITH MY CAT, MISTER-- HE'S AFRAID OF HEIGHTS!

ME, TOO, LITTLE GIRL... WELL-- JUST A BIT!



A QUICK CALL ALERTED THE FARMERS--AND THEN, AFTER OBTAINING A TRANSPORT HELICOPTER AT AN ARMY AIRFIELD...

THERE THEY ARE, MR. BENTON... YOU SURE YOU CAN HANDLE IT?

I THINK SO, THOUGH IT'S BEEN SIX YEARS SINCE I WENT ON MY LAST AERIAL COMMANDO MANUEVER!





BY THE TIME CARL AND DAN RETURNED FROM THE RESCUE MISSION, THE ATMOSPHERE WAS RED-HOT...

WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR LAW, DAN STEUBIN! NOW WE'LL DO IT OUR WAY! FIRST WE CUT THE POWER LINES... THEN WE TAKE CARE OF NORDOCK!



POWERLESS TO STOP THE ROARING MOB, CARL AND DAN WATCHED HELPLESSLY, AS...

I TELL YOU I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A FLOATING SHACK OR EXPLODING SPHERES! I'VE BEEN PERFECTING A NEW KIND OF MINING EQUIPMENT HERE AND--

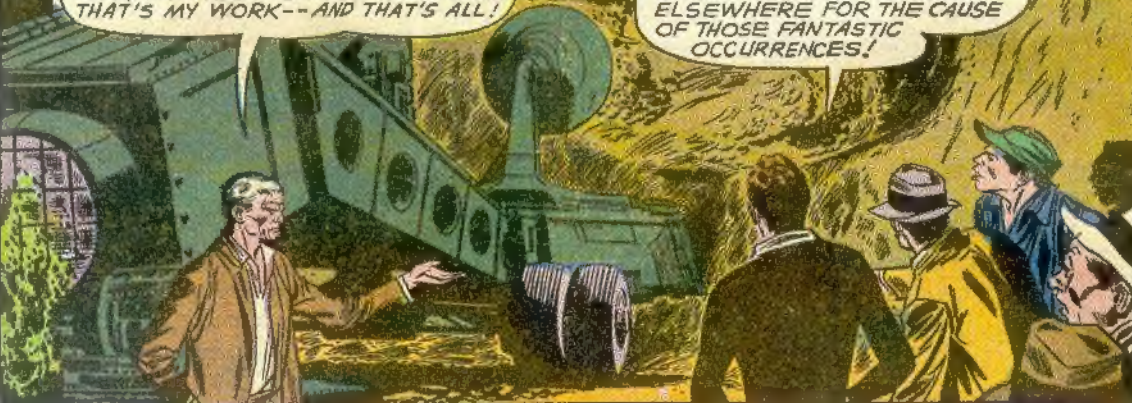
MINING EQUIPMENT, EH? SHOW US, PROFESSOR... I DARE YOU!



THE ANGRY CROWD FOLLOWED THE PROFESSOR TO THE REAR OF THE HOUSE, WHERE...

YOU SEE?... I'VE BEEN PERFECTING THIS PNEUMATIC DIGGER, WHICH CAN SUCK ORE RIGHT OUT OF THE EARTH! THAT'S MY WORK-- AND THAT'S ALL!

WELL, THAT SEEMS TO BE AN HONEST ANSWER-- WHICH MEANS WE HAVE TO LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR THE CAUSE OF THOSE FANTASTIC OCCURRENCES!



OH, NO! ALL THE PROFESSOR DID WAS SHOW US HOW HE PULLED THAT SHACK RIGHT UP OUT OF THE VALLEY... THE REST WE'LL FIND OUT LATER!

BY GEORGE, CURTIN IS RIGHT! WE'VE HAD ENOUGH EXCUSES... IF THE SHERIFF WON'T HANDLE THIS, WE WILL!

THAT'S IT! GRAB HIM! WE'LL TAKE HIM DOWN TO THE TOWN AND DEAL WITH HIM THERE!

WAIT! IF THE PROFESSOR WAS BEHIND ALL THIS, HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THOSE THINGS?





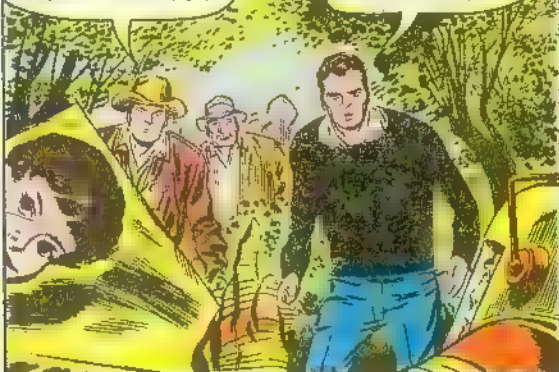




AND SURE ENOUGH, THE DENSE WOOD SOON GIVES UP A FANTASTIC SECRET...

YOU WERE RIGHT, CARL! THERE'S THE BILLBOARD SIGN THAT WAS DRAWN UP HERE! AND -- GREAT SCOTT!

A -- A SPACE TRAVELER OF SOME SORT! HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S INJURED!



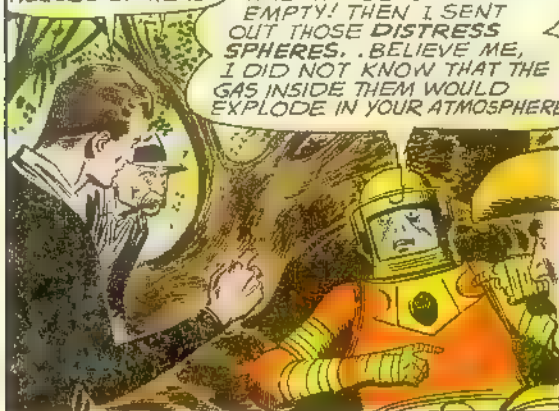
AS THEY APPROACH, THE SPACE MAN COMMUNICATES THROUGH A TRANSLATING DEVICE ON HIS SUIT.

AT LAST, YOU ARRIVED, EARTHMEN! ANOTHER HOUR AND I WOULD BE DEAD! I CRASHED IN A RAVINE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL, TEARING MY SPACE SUIT. YOUR ATMOSPHERE, SEEPING IN, HAS WEAKENED ME GREATLY!



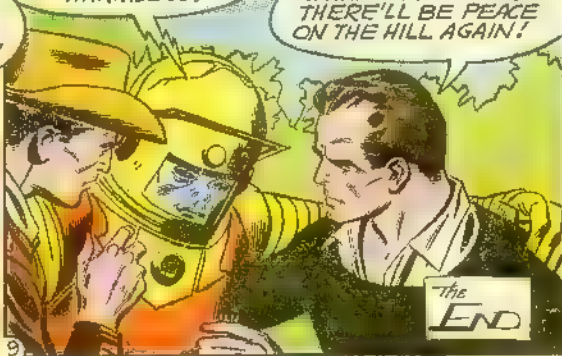
I GET IT, SO YOU TRIED TO BRING HELP, BY LIFTING HOUSES UP HERE!

YES... BUT THE FIRST HOUSE WAS A MERE SIGN I HAD MISTAKEN AT A DISTANCE, AND THE SECOND WAS EMPTY! THEN I SENT OUT THOSE DISTRESS SPHERES. BELIEVE ME, I DID NOT KNOW THAT THE GAS INSIDE THEM WOULD EXPLODE IN YOUR ATMOSPHERE!



WHEN MY WATER RAN OUT, I TRIED TO BRING SOME UP TO ME... BUT AGAIN MY WEAPON WENT OUT OF CONTROL! THOSE FIERY SIGNALS WERE HARMLESS!

THEY SURE DIDN'T LOOK IT! BUT YOUR TROUBLES ARE OVER NOW, SPACE FRIEND! WE'LL GET YOU STARTED FOR HOME... AND MAYBE THERE'LL BE PEACE ON THE HILL AGAIN!



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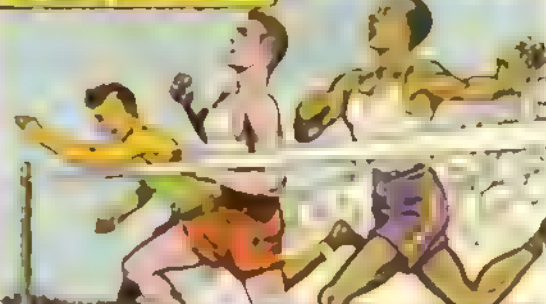


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# CRY, CLOWN, CRY





TO COCO THE CLOWN, NOTHING IN LIFE MATTERED MORE THAN HIS AMAZING ACT...

SAY-- THAT'S TERRIFIC TRICK RIDING... BUT I THOUGHT THAT COCO DID FUNNY THINGS!

HE DOES! JUST WAIT AND SEE!

NEXT MOMENT, A ROAR OF SURPRISE FILLED THE TENT, AS...

'HA, HA,' HIS TRICK BIKE SUDDENLY COLLAPSED RIGHT UNDER HIM!

AND DOWN CAME COCO IN A SKILLED FALL, WHILE GLEEFUL LAUGHTER RANG IN HIS EARS...

'HA, HA,' LOOK AT THE FUNNY EXPRESSION ON COCO'S FACE!

A HOWLING SUCCESS? YES... AND YET, IN THE DRESSING ROOM, LATER ...

THE AUDIENCE... TH-THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO BE LAUGHING VERY LOUDLY IN THE LAST SHOW!

WHAT'S AILING YOU, COCO? NOWADAYS, ALL YOU DO IS WORRY ABOUT HOW MANY LAUGHS YOU'RE GETTING!

I--I'D DIE IF PEOPLE STOPPED LAUGHING AT ME! LAUGHTER MEANS **EVERYTHING** TO ME!

NOT LONG AFTER, AS THE WORRIED CLOWN VISITED A SPECIAL EXHIBIT AT THE LOCAL MUSEUM...

SOMEDAY, **YOU'LL** BE REPRESENTED IN THE EXHIBIT, COCO!

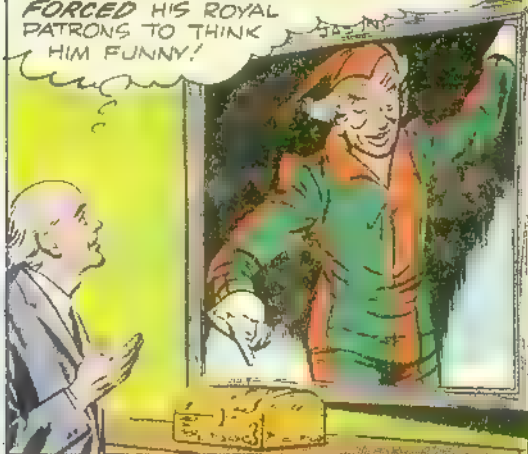
MAYBE--IF I DON'T LOSE MY TOUCH!

CLOWNS OF THE WORLD



SUDDENLY, COCO FROZE IN HIS TRACKS...

WHY--THIS SHOWS THE FAMOUS ENGLISH COURT JESTER, JASON! ACCORDING TO LEGEND, JASON POSSESSED A MAGIC ELIXIR THAT FORCED HIS ROYAL PATRONS TO THINK HIM FUNNY!



BURNING WITH CURIOSITY, COCO OPENED THE CHEST THAT WAS ON DISPLAY AND...

TH--THE WRITING ON THIS VIAL... IT FORBIDS ANYONE FROM DRINKING THE ELIXIR! M-MAYBE I SHOULDN'T DO IT!

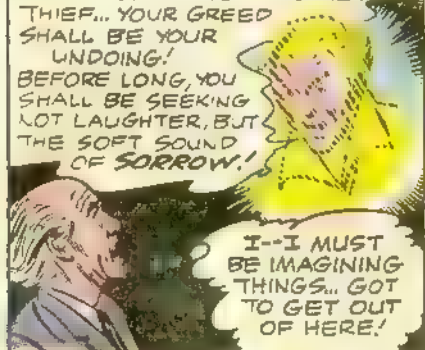


BUT I MUST, I MUST-- F IT'LL KEEP PEOPLE LAUGHING AT ME!



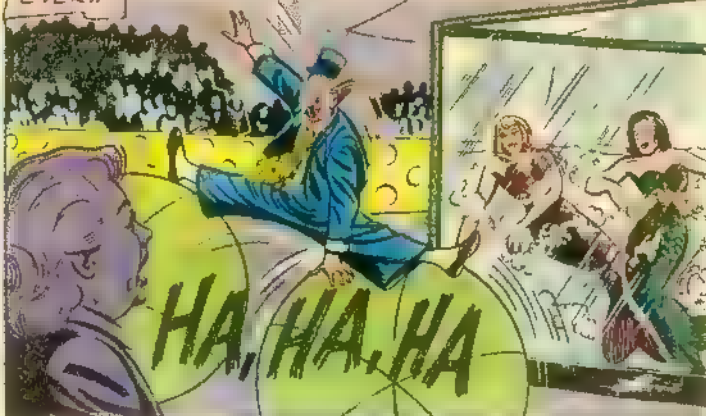
NO SOONER DID THE DROPS TRICKLE DOWN HIS THROAT THAN...

SO IT IS THE HOLLOW SOUND OF LAUGHTER YOU DESIRE! THIEF... YOUR GREED SHALL BE YOUR UNDOING! BEFORE LONG, YOU SHALL BE SEEKING LOT LAUGHTER, BUT THE SOFT SOUND OF SORROW!



I--I MUST BE IMAGINING THINGS... GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

AT THE NEXT EVENING SHOW, COCO WAS FUNNIER THAN EVER...

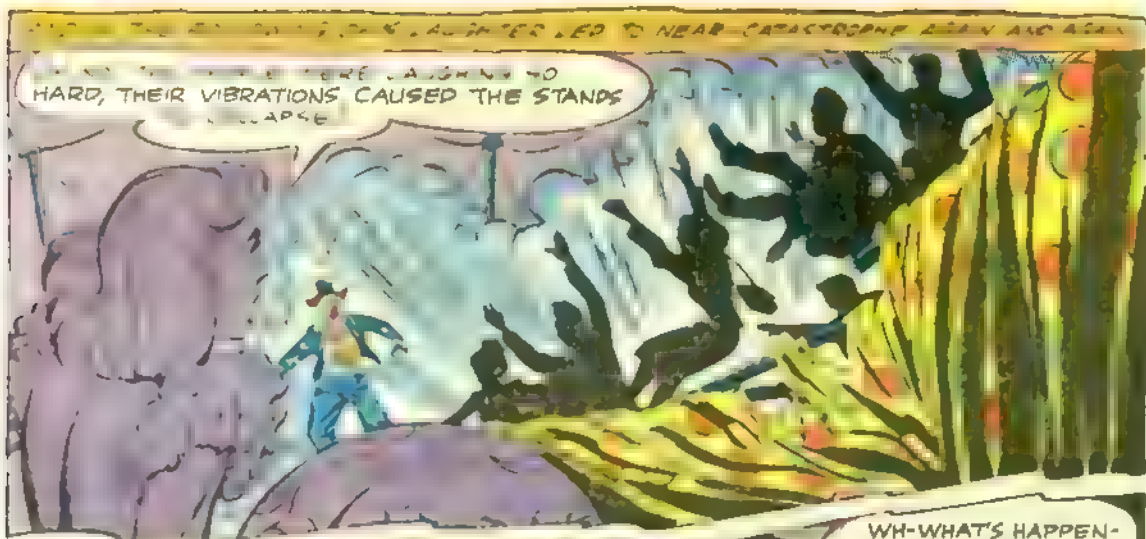


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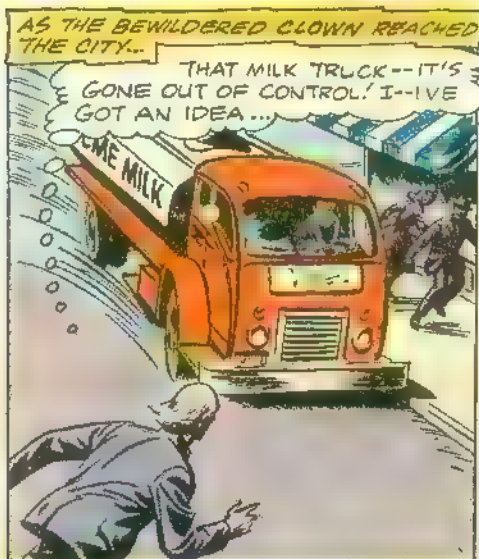
GOOD GRIEF! THAT WOMAN'S HIGH-PITCHED SHRIEK SHATTERED THE GLASS TANK!















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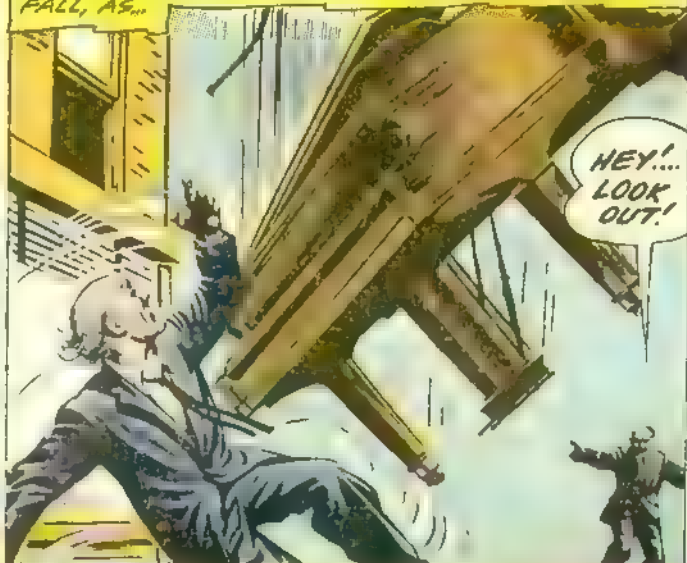


BUT THREE BLOCKS AWAY COOD GOT A SECOND CHANCE...

THAT HOST ROPE--  
RASING THE PIANO...  
IT'S BREAKING!--  
I--I'LL PRETEND  
TO GET HIT BY  
IT WHEN IT  
FALLS!

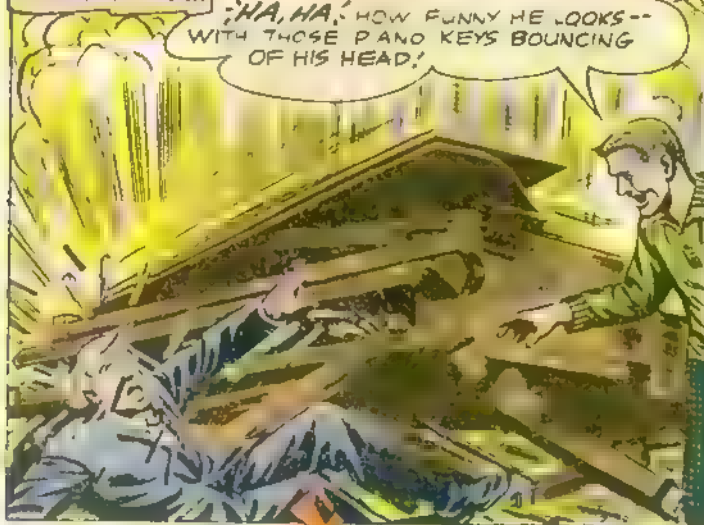


AGAIN, THE TRAINED CLOWN MADE A PRACTICED FALL, AS...



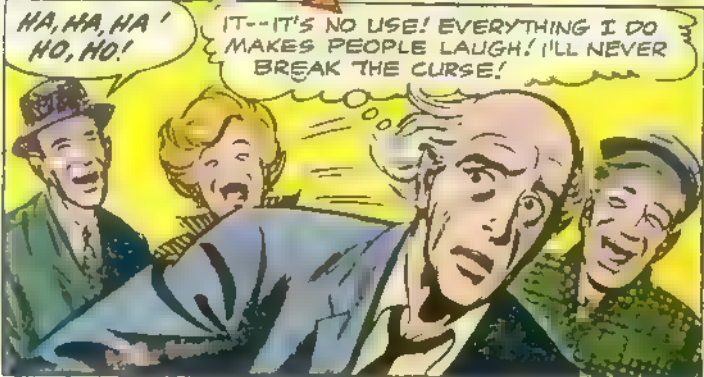
AS THE INSTRUMENT SHATTERED INTO A THOUSAND FRAGMENTS...

HA, HA! HOW FUNNY HE LOOKS--  
WITH THOSE PIANO KEYS BOUNCING  
OFF HIS HEAD!



HA, HA, HA!  
HO, HO!

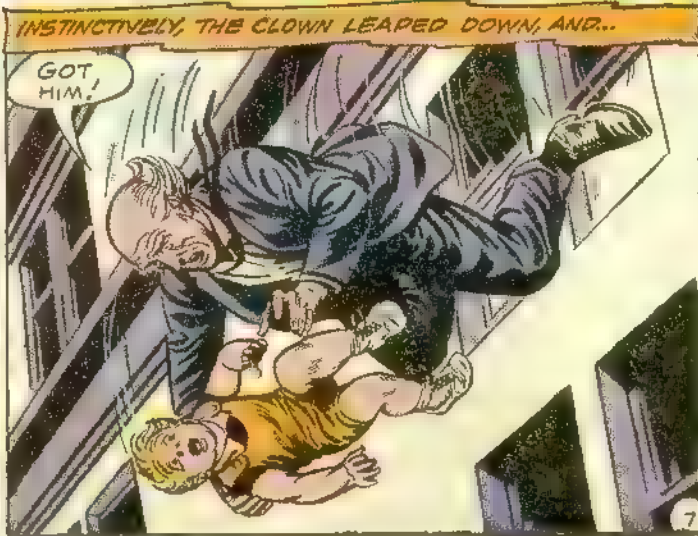
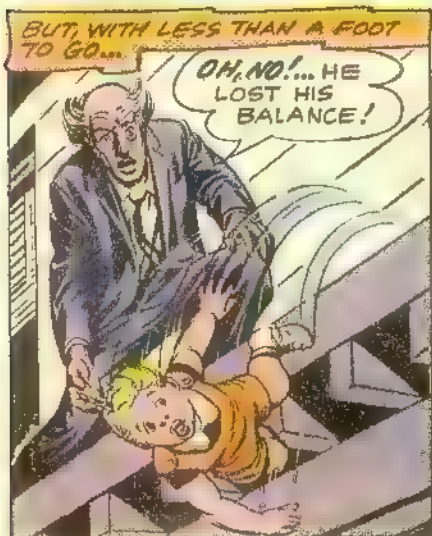
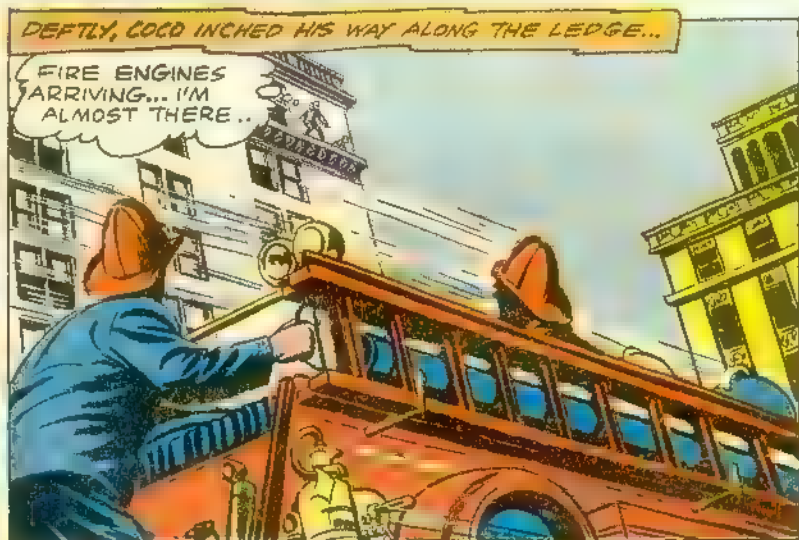
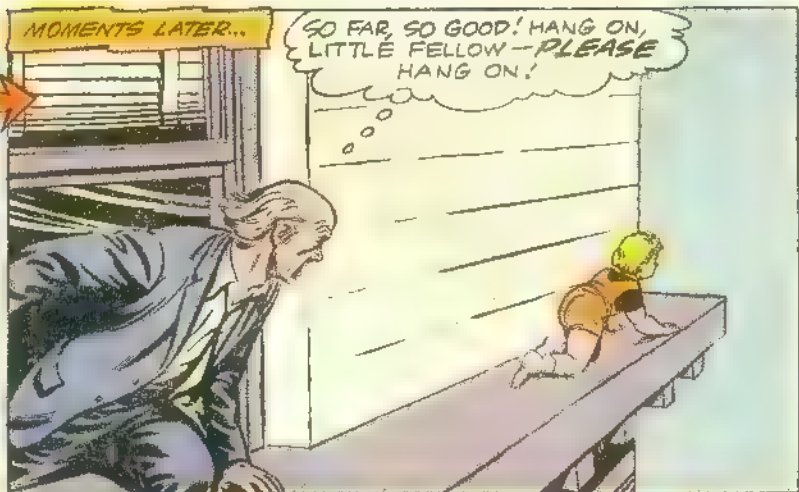
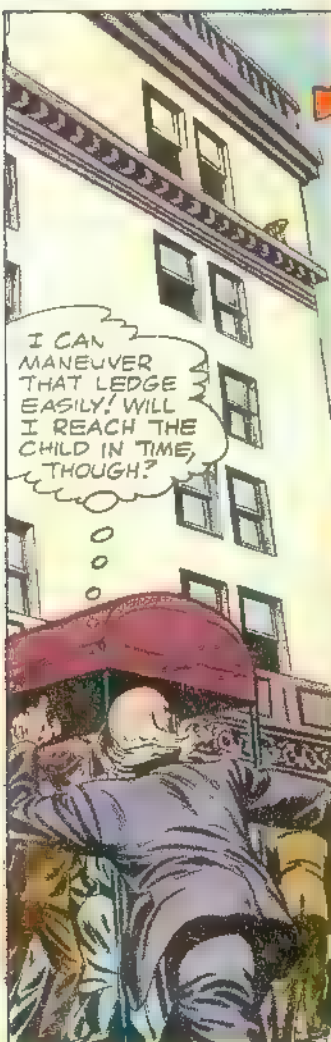
IT--IT'S NO USE! EVERYTHING I DO  
MAKES PEOPLE LAUGH! I'LL NEVER  
BREAK THE CURSE!



GRIMLY, THE CLOWN WENT RACING OFF, UNTIL...









COCO TIMED HIS FALL AS HE HAD A THOUSAND CIRCUS FALLS BEFORE...

MY BABY... MY BABY...

DON'T WORRY, LADY--HE'S OKAY!

OH, THANK YOU, SIR! YOU'RE THE BRAVEST MAN I'VE EVER KNOWN!

BUT-- YOU'RE CRYING!

AFTER THAT, COCO NEVER WORRIED ABOUT "KNOCKING 'EM IN THE AISLES" ANYMORE! IN FACT, HE WAS JUST AS HAPPY, WHEN...

NO, LADY, I'M OKAY-- REALLY OKAY! BUT THANKS FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME, ANYWAY!

OH, THE POOR CLOWN! HE'LL BE HURT!

TH-THEY'RE TEARS OF GRATITUDE-- FOR YOU, SIR!

TEARS! I--I MADE SOMEONE CRY! I'VE BROKEN THE CURSE AT LAST!

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# STRANGE SIGHTS IN THE SKY

**A**T first, everyone thought it was a cloud or fog that fell over the city, but as it persisted day after day, becoming more dense, emitting a sour odor and sending people into spasms of coughing, alarm quickly sounded through the land. From the northernmost shores of Scotland to the southern tip of Italy, "The Great Haze," as it came to be known, enshrouded Europe. Mystified and frightened, people refused to leave their homes. Ships remained moored at their wharfs. Farmers let their rich crops go to ruin. Business came to a standstill. Europe waited tensely, apprehensively. What had caused this frightening phenomena? What, in fact, was it, and when would it dissipate?

Six months later, the pea-soup fog began to thin out, and, shortly after, vanished. All through Europe, the people rejoiced, and a carnival spirit prevailed. It wasn't until 177 years later—yes, that freak fog had blanketed the continent back in 1773—that scientists, who had noted a similar occurrence in northern Canada, which, fortunately, had lasted only a couple of weeks, could explain the mystery. According to their observation, a volcano in Iceland had erupted. But instead of issuing lava, the volcano had gushed gases and billions of tons of pulverized rock. These dust particles had formed into a cloud, drifted over Europe, where it remained, resisting the winds. Ultimately, the constant buffeting it had received caused it to disintegrate.

Another instance where fog has been known to play tricks is in the Antarctic areas. Men, associated with Admiral Byrd on his recent venture, reported that the sudden appearance of a milky-white fog caused them to lose their perspective and knowledge of distance in such a way that a tiny button, lying in the snow nearby, looked like a giant wheel looming a mile away.

Clouds that remain stationary for long periods of time are not unusual, despite the fact that most clouds are known to move on. In fact, there are some clouds that return, after a while, to their former positions. Perhaps the most popular of these is called "The Levant" by the people who dwell near the Rock

of Gibraltar, because it is formed by the breezes from the eastern Mediterranean. At least a dozen times each year, this large formation appears, where it lays low over the Rock.

But the dread experience that befell Europeans during 1773 has been repeated to some degree in other areas. Astronomers and other scientists have supplied answers, but the range of these phenomena has been so wide that victims have remained skeptical. Wisconsin was abruptly plunged into total darkness, one afternoon back in 1886, as a thick, gigantic cloud skimmed over the state. The 10 minutes of black fear prompted the government to make inquiries of adjoining states, which replied that they, too, had suffered a similar experience.

Perhaps the most recent case that could be cited occurred only 11 years ago, when Americans awoke to find the sun shining down on them, as usual—but this was a weird *blue* sun, which soon returned to its normal color. Two days later, British newspapers bore stunning headlines about the appearance of a *green* sun, which soon was followed by the reappearance of the *blue* sun over Denmark.

Was it a cloud that had swept up and absorbed the desert dunes of Africa only to drop the sand by the ton over the town of Kunzen on the Baltic Sea, completely inundating it?

Was it a cloud that turned mid-day into midnight in London in 1885, as the frightened citizenry raced for shelter, and troops were called out to face the unknown menace?

Was it a cloud, billowing across a Minnesota metropolis, five years later, that suddenly unleashed a sand storm, which entirely blacked out the city?

Reliable authorities furnished dozens of explanations attributing the freakish occurrences in the sky to sun spots, mountaintop fires, unique cloud formations, electrical disturbances, etc. And many people accepted them in their eagerness to assuage their fears, but there were others who were not so easily satisfied. They continued to wonder, as do those who observed that blue sun shining down on us in 1950.









WHERE HAD THE FANTASTIC BEAST COME FROM? WHAT GAVE IT ITS AWESOME POWERS? AND, FINALLY WHAT TURNED "IT" TO A RAMPAGING DESTROYER? AT ALMOST COST MARK MERLIN HIS VERY LIFE WHEN HE TRIED TO LEARN THE ANSWERS--AND SOLVE...

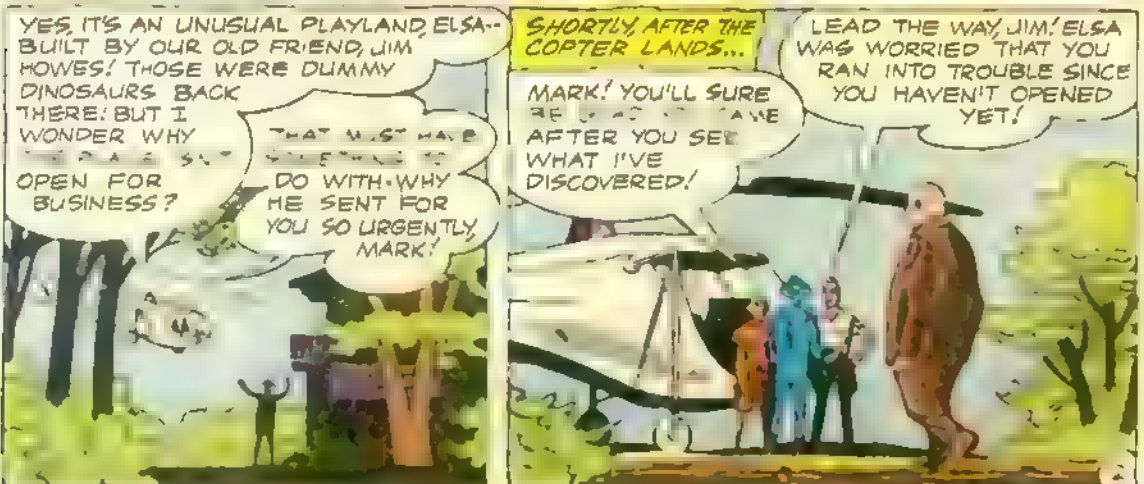
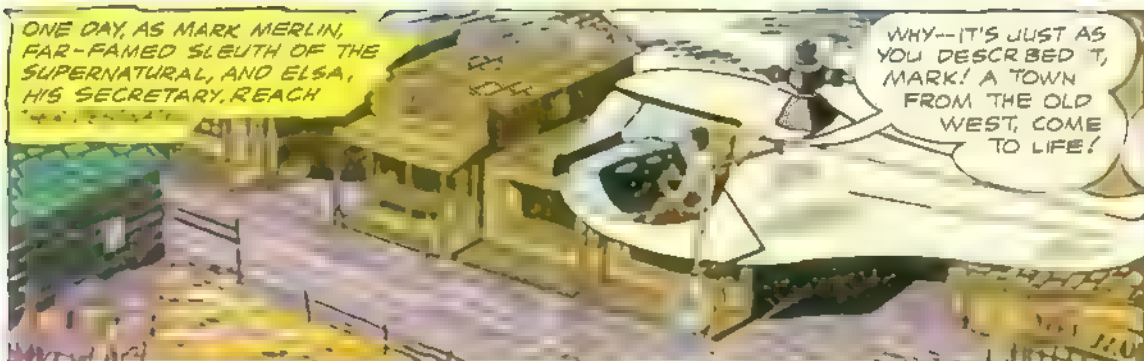
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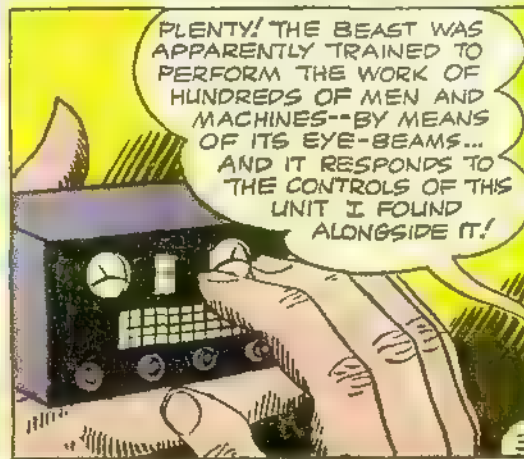
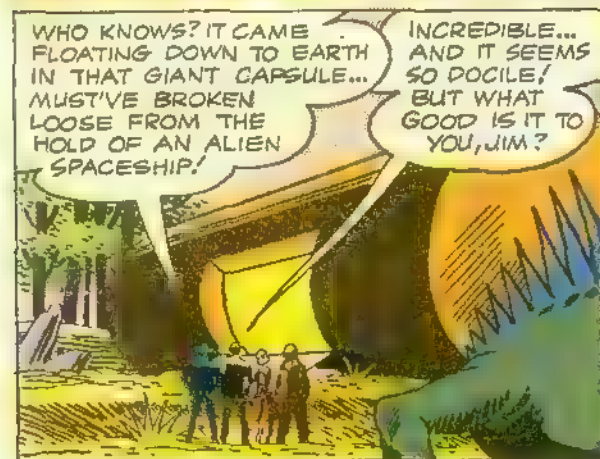
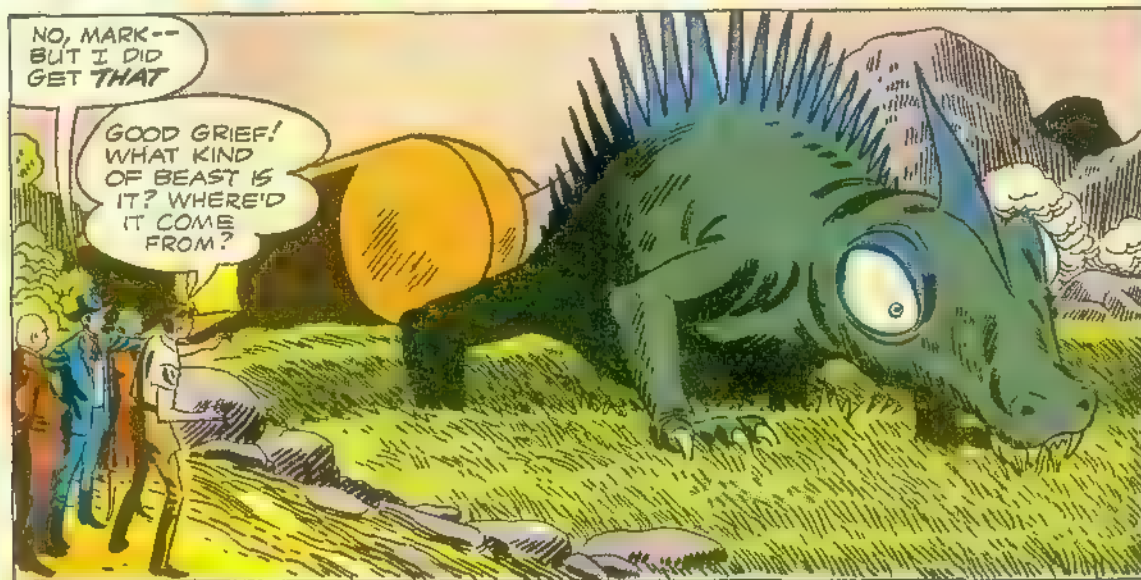
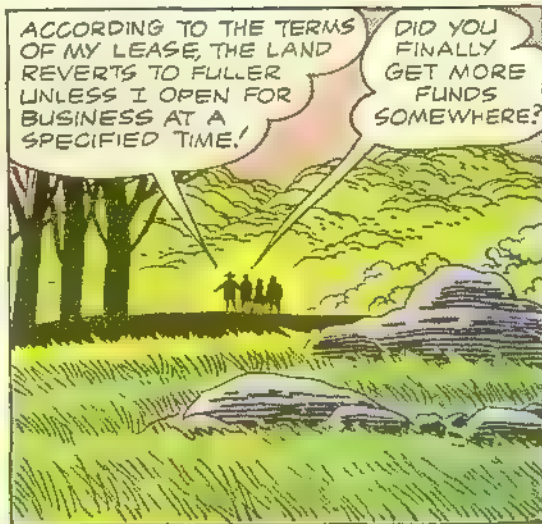
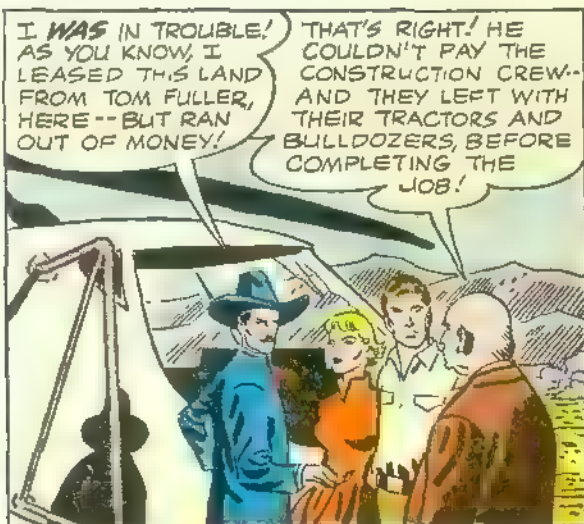
OH, NO!... THAT BEAST EXPLODED THE ROLLER-COASTER TRACKS! WHAT CHANCE HAVE I GOT NOW?

A  
**MARK  
MERLIN**  
MYSTERY











AS JIM MANIPULATES  
THE CONTROL UNIT...

WHY--IT'S LEVELING  
THAT HILL WITH A  
FANTASTIC EXPLOSIVE  
BEAM!

RIGHT!

**BOOM!**

AND NOW I'M  
"ORDERING"  
THE BEAST  
TO CART  
AWAY THE  
DEBRIS WITH  
ITS LIFT-  
BEAM!

FANTASTIC... AT THIS RATE,  
YOU'LL HAVE THE PROJECT  
FINISHED IN NO TIME!

SURELY

OOPS! I  
DROPPED THE  
UNIT. HOPE I  
DON'T SMASH  
IT!

NO JIM--  
YOU ONLY  
PENTED IT  
A BIT--

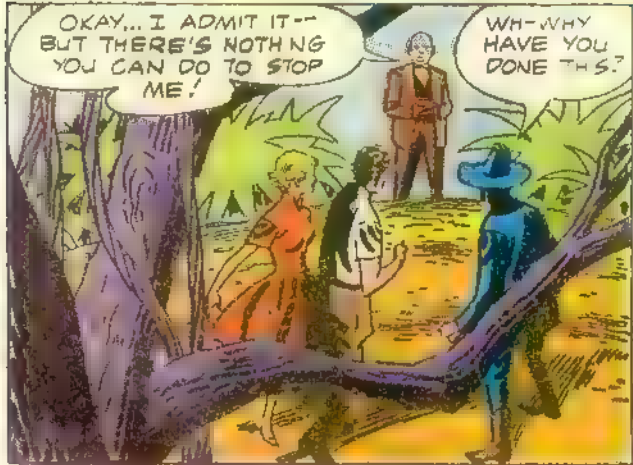
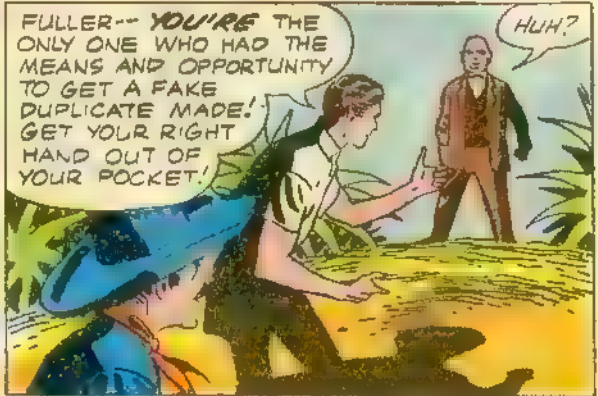
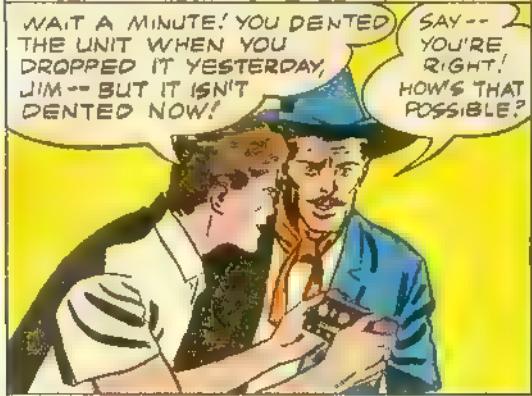
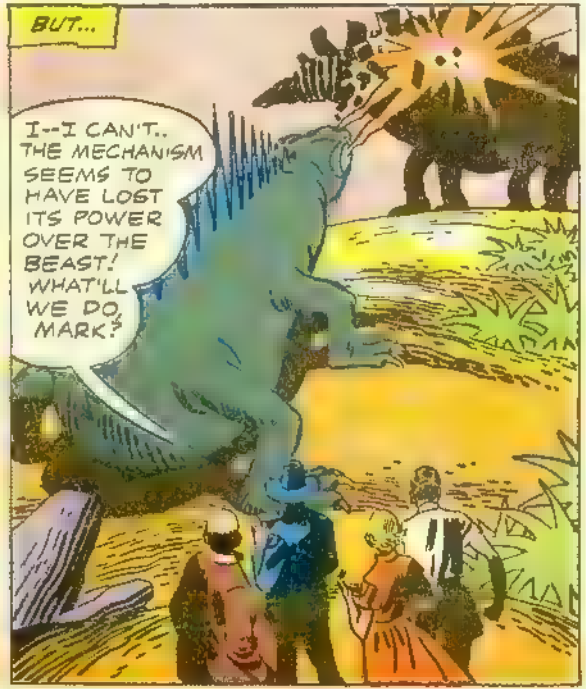
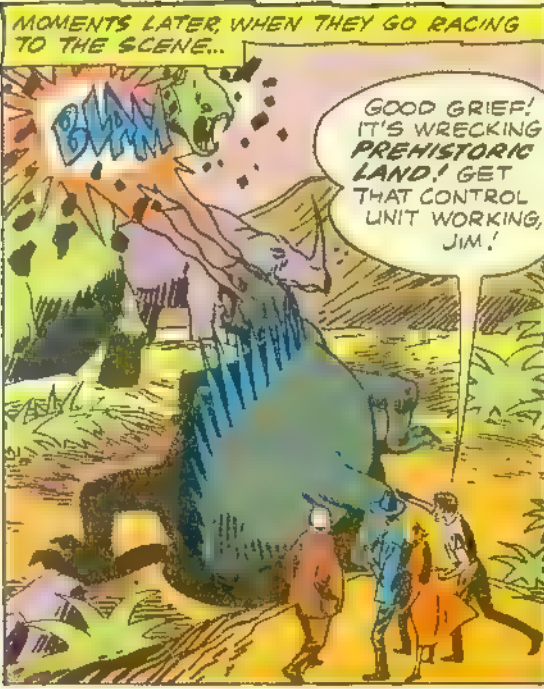
THANKS! NOW, LET ME PUT  
YOU AND ELSA UP FOR  
THE NIGHT--AND  
TOMORROW, I'LL REALLY  
PUT THE BEAST  
THROUGH ITS PACES  
FOR YOU!

BUT EARLY NEXT MORNING SHOUTS OF TERROR  
ECHO THROUGH THE LODGE, AS...

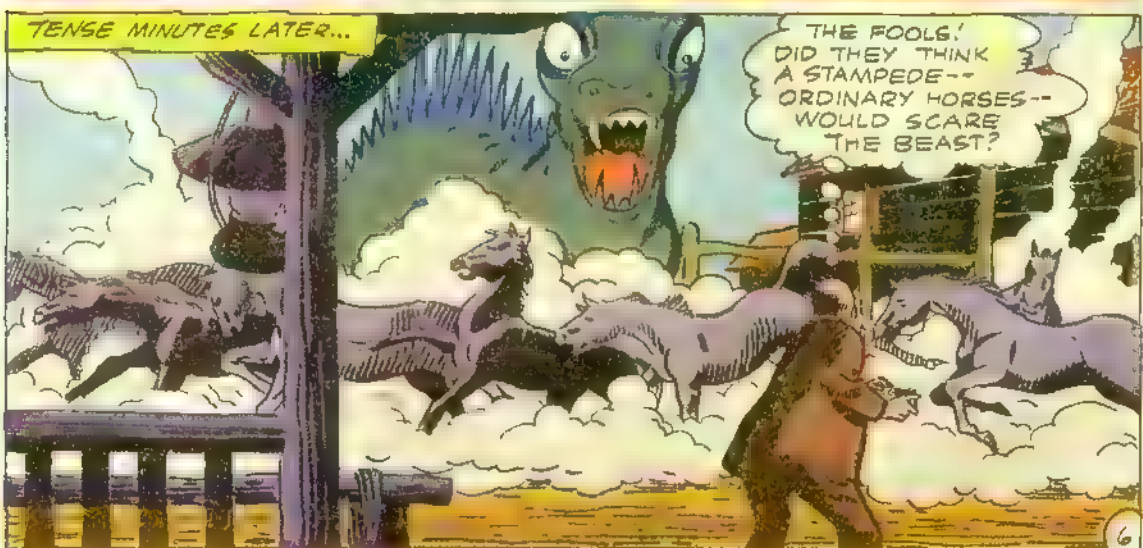
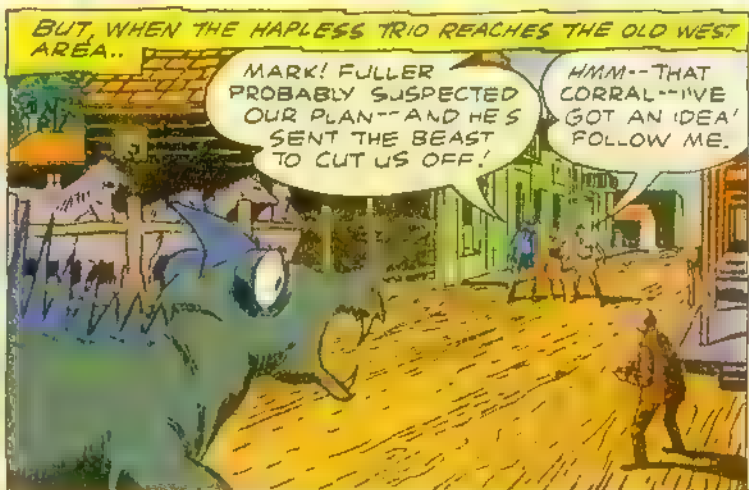
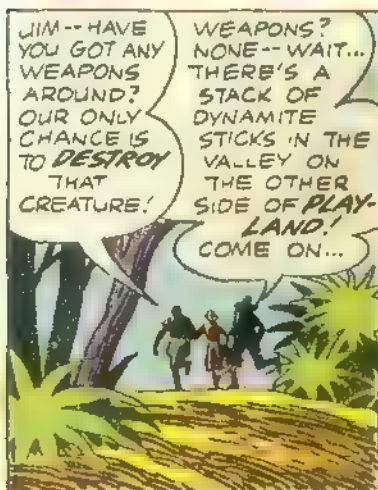
JIM!... HURRY!  
YOUR BEAST--  
IT'S GONE  
BERSERK!

WHAT??  
MARK,  
ELSA--  
COME  
HERE!

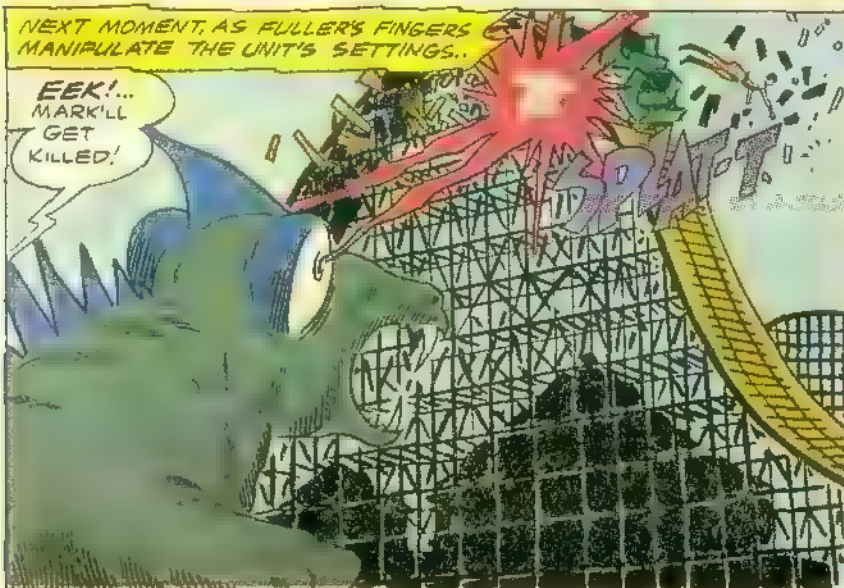
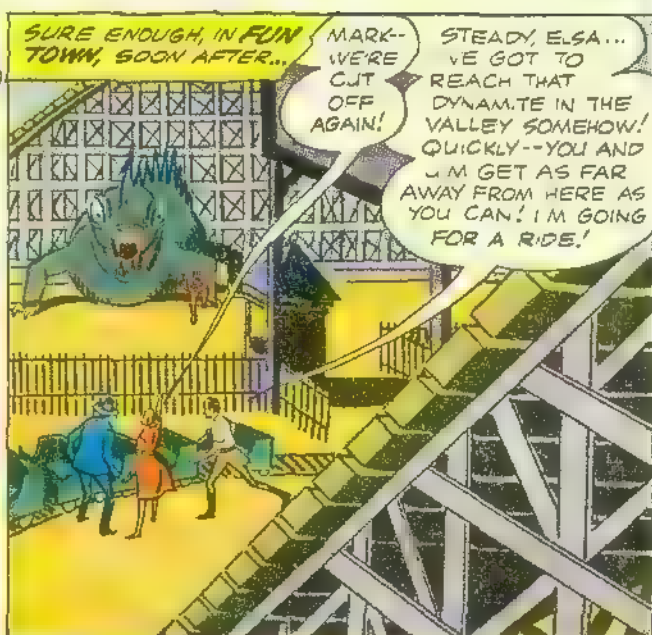






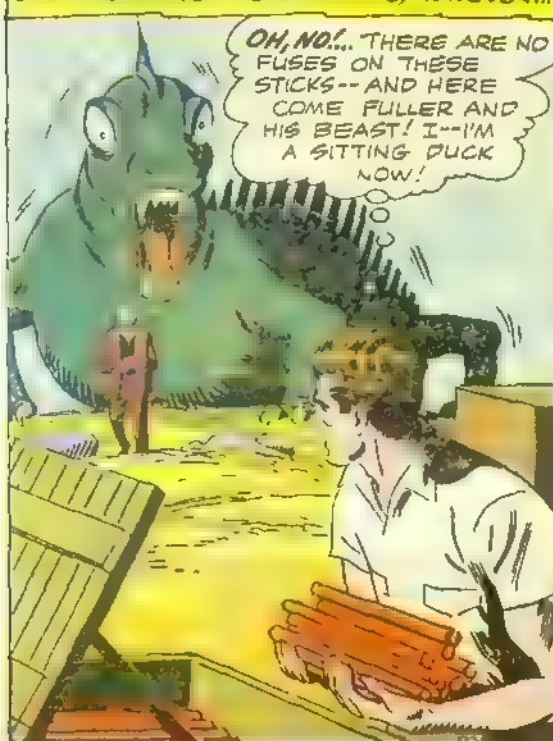




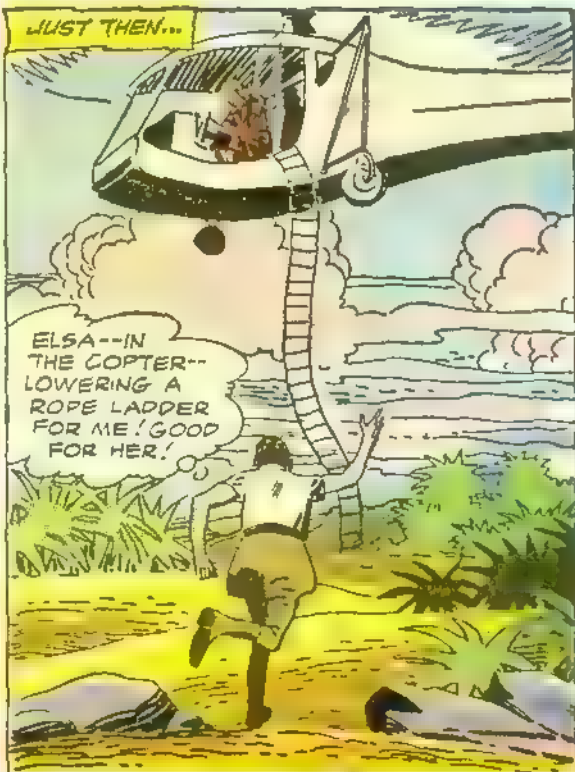




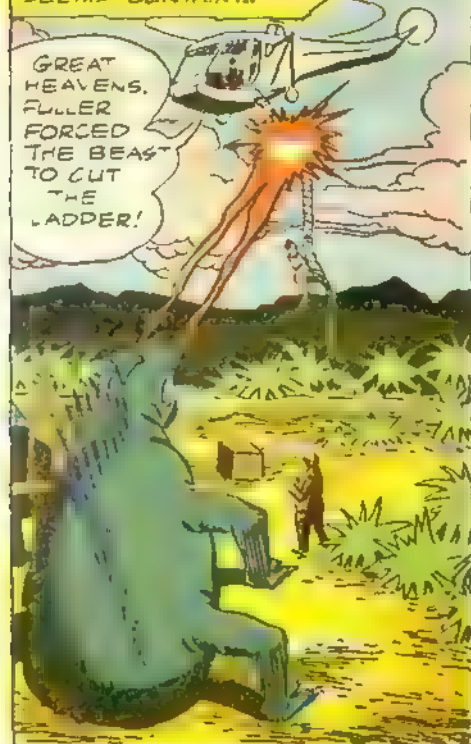
UPON REACHING THE DYNAMITE, HOWEVER...



JUST THEN...



BUT, JUST WHEN RESCUE SEEMS CERTAIN...



AND IN THE NEXT TERRIFYING MOVEMENT...

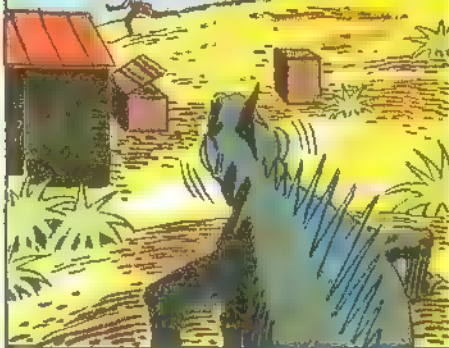


BUT, AS FULLER FRANTICALLY MANIPULATES THE UNIT...

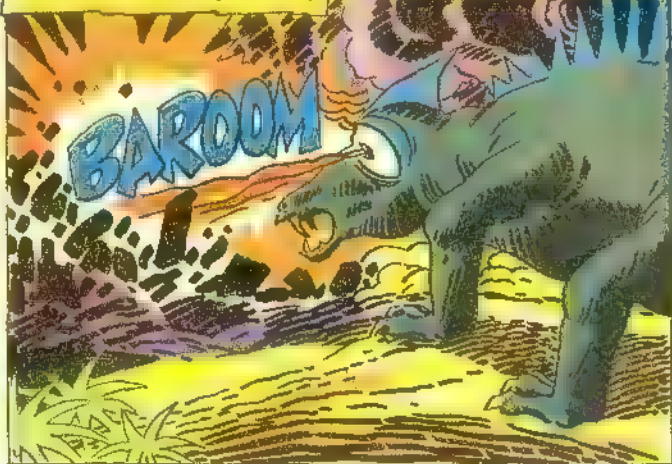




TH--THE BEAST SEEMS  
TO BE FIGHTING THE  
ELECTRONIC ORDER!  
IT--IT'S TURNING  
ITS HEAD!

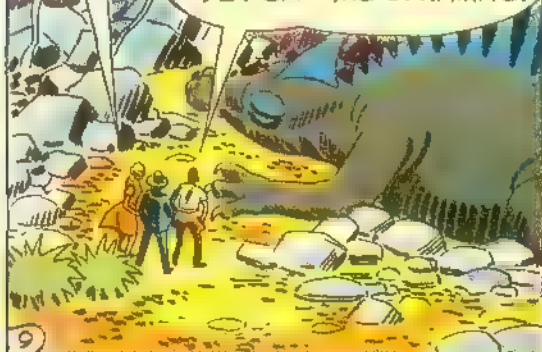


SECONDS LATER, A DEADLY BEAM STRIKES THE  
DYNAMITE PILE, AND...



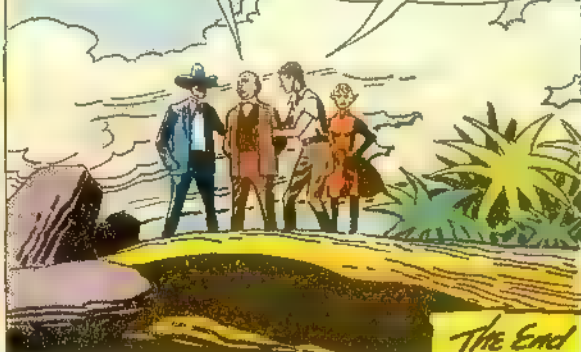
MARK--THE  
BEAST GOT  
KILLED IN  
THE  
EXPLOSION!

YES--SOME GOOD  
INSTINCT PREVENTED IT  
FROM DESTROYING A  
LIVING BEING... AND IN  
TRYING TO AVOID ME WITH  
ITS BEAM, IT ACCIDENTALLY  
SET OFF THE DYNAMITE!



I--I WAS A FOOL,  
JIM! I'LL GLADLY  
PAY FOR ALL THE  
DAMAGE I'VE  
CAUSED!

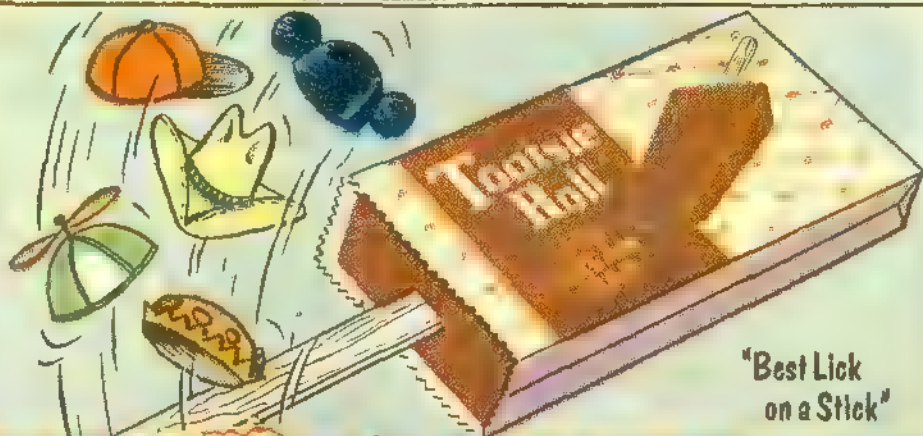
YOU'LL DO MORE  
THAN THAT, FULLER--  
LIKE FACING A  
CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED  
MURDER! COME  
ALONG, NOW!



*The End*

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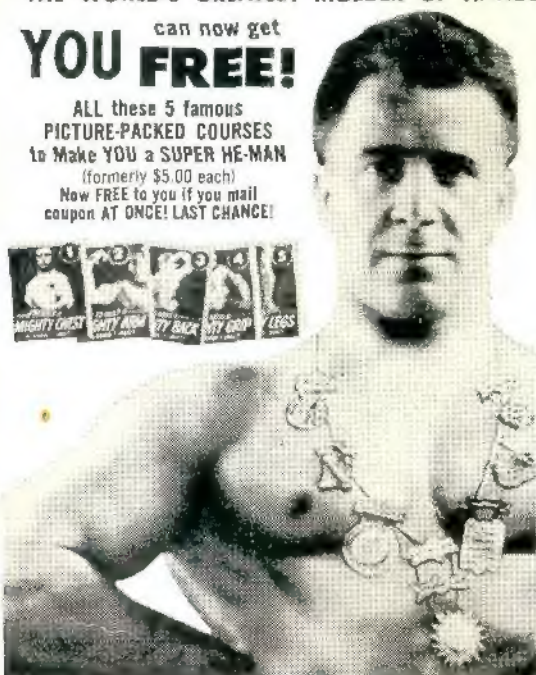
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